

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

May 11, 2006

15 South 15th Avenue, Suite 103-A
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present:

Eileen Bond
Colleen Brophy, M.D.
Gary Krahenbuhl, Ed.D.
Walter Williams, Ph.D., M.D.
David Landrith
Barbara Wuebbels, R.N.
David Jerman (via phone)

Staff Present:

Dawn Schroeder, D.D.S.
James Matthews
Damika Brock

Others Present:

Charles Grube, Assistant Attorney General
Susan Cannata
Beth Schermer
Mark Haussler
Anne Winter

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 A.M. by Acting Chair Eileen Bond. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Bond called for nominations for Commission Chair. The Commission discussed naming co-chairs or a chair and vice-chair. Commissioner David Landrith nominated Commissioner Bond as Co-Chair and Commissioner Gary Krahenbuhl seconded. Commissioner Bond nominated Commissioner Landrith as Co-Chair and Commissioner Krahenbuhl seconded. Commissioner Colleen Brophy moved that Commissioner Bond and Commissioner Landrith be elected Co-Chairs. Commissioner Krahenbuhl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Dawn Schroeder introduced Beth Schermer, Vice Dean of Administration University of Arizona College of Medicine who made a presentation on the need for funding to purchase research laboratory equipment for medical school faculty at the Phoenix medical school campus. The requested amount was \$1 million in FY2006 and \$1 million in FY2007.

Commissioner Krahenbuhl asked if the equipment request was subject to the same evaluation procedure that applied to research contracts. Executive Director Schroeder responded that the Commission if it chose to grant the request would do so under a different statutory provision which would permit the Commission to make the award. Ms. Schermer presented letters supporting the request from Governor Janet Napolitano and John Murphy President of the Flinn Foundation. Ms. Anne Winter, Special Assistant for Health Policy voiced Governor Napolitano's support for the request. Commissioner Krahenbuhl moved that the Commission provide by contract with the University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix campus, \$1 million as soon as practical and \$1 million in FY 2007 contingent upon the availability of funds for the purchase of research laboratory equipment. Commissioner Landrith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Landrith moved to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion and consideration of proposals submitted under Request for Proposals 06-200. Commissioner Brophy seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session began at 11:04 A.M. The Commission returned to open meeting at 11:49 A.M.

The Commission discussed the request for an extension of contract number 8018 Extension of Water Quality (Copper) and Cholesterol-induced Alzheimer-like Pathology, David Larry Sparks,

Ph.D. Principal Investigator. Commissioner Brophy moved approval of the contract extension request contingent upon Institutional Review Board approval within one year. Commissioner Landrith seconded. Commissioner David Jerman recused himself from the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Schroeder briefed the Commission on the progress being made by the two translational research projects involving special populations and on the status of the Arizona Biospecimen Alliance translational project. A reminder that the Sixth Scientific Leadership Symposium will be held on June 12-13, 2006 was made.

Commissioner Brophy moved that the Commission reconvene in Executive Session and Commissioner Walter Williams seconded. Executive Session began at 12:32 P.M. The Commission returned to open meeting at 12:43 P.M.

Commissioner Brophy moved that proposals receiving a score of 4.83 and higher be selected for funding and that proposals receiving a score of 4.75 to 4.82 be placed on an alternates list to be selected as funding is available. Commissioner Landrith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Landrith moved the proposals not yet receiving peer reviews be evaluated by the appropriate review group when scores are received and that the proposals be placed in the appropriate ranking. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Commissioner Bond made a call to the public. There was no response.

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 P.M.

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James Matthews
Deputy Director